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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. MOSCOW PUBLIC LECTURER (FROM NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY)

ON NOVEMBER 11 ANSWERED QUESTION ON MFN AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT DECIDED TO POSTPONE REQUEST FOR MFN, TAKING

INTO ACCOUNT THE MOOD OF CONGRESS. THE WATERGATE

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AFFAIR HAS AFFECTED PROSPECTS FOR THE LEGISLATION IN

CONGRESS. MOREOVER, THERE IS A STRUGGLE IN THE U.S. BETWEEN SUPPORTES AND OPPONENTS OF U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE. IT IS HARD TO SAY WHEN MFN WILL COME UP AGAIN IN CONGRESS,BUT PERHAPS THIS WILL OCCUR IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS "WHEN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR IS PUT IN ORDER." USSR STILL WANTS MFN, A STATUS ENJOYED BY VIRTUALLY ALL U.S. TRADING PARTNERS. IT IS A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE. FURTHERMORE, IT IS LINKED TO LEND LEASE. IF THE U.S. REFUSES MFN, THE USSR WILL NOT REPAY ITS LEND LEASE DEBT (MURMURS OF APPROVAL INTHE HALL).

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MUCH OF LECTURE WAS DEVOTED TO MIDDLE EAST, LECTURER AVOIDED ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN MFN AND ME SITUATION. IN CONTRAST WITH RHETORICAL DOUBTS MANIFESTED IN IZVESTIA (REFTEL) OVER ADMINISTRATION'S MFN TACTICS, LECTURER CLEARLY SOUGHT TO PUT A GOOD FACE ON THE ISSUE.
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